திட்டவட்டமாக நான் சொல்லுகிறேன். இஞ்சினியர்கள் சேதமாகவில்லை என்றும் அப்படி கெட்டுப்போகவில்லை என்றும் சொல்லுகிறார்கள். தார் வழிந்துபோனாலும் அது சேதமாகக்கூடிய பொருள் இல்லை. மறுபடியும் அதை எடுத்து உபயோகப்படுத்திக்கொள்ளலாம்.' (சிரிப்பு.)

Repairs to Mumgeth bridge in Chirakkal taluk

* 2204 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have proposed to repair the Mumgeth bridge in Erinav amsam in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, when the repairing work will begin?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) The Government have not proposed to repair the bridge under reference.

" (*b*) The question does not arise."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" A bridge is very necessary there. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether Government have received any representation from the local people in this respect and may I also know why Government decided that the bridge is not necessary there? May I know whether Government would take steps to construct a bridge there? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Government did not refuse to take up the construction of the bridge. The district board is not co-operating. There seems to be some trouble between the committee and the district board. Now Government are trying to see that the work is done by the Government themselves."

Educational and other benefits for prisoners in jails

* 2205 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the measures adopted for the general education of prisoners in the State; and

(*b*) the amount spent on this account last year?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) In every jail, there is a school for imparting elementary education to prisoners and also a library. The age-limit for compulsory elementary education is now 40. The Superintendent of the Jail examines the progress of the prisoners' proficiency periodically. Prisoners are permitted to read up to 9 p.m. wherever facilities exist. Periodicals in the regional languages of the State are supplied to them. All other reasonable facilities are also given to prisoners who are eager to further their education. In the Central Jails at Cannanore and Tiruchirappalli, the scheme of imparting literacy education under the adult education method to prisoners with a sentence of not less than six months instead of two or three